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The Senior Health Insurance Program (SHIP)

Questions about Medicare can be confusing, but the Senior Health Insurance Program, or SHIP, a free insurance counseling service sponsored by the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation, Division of Insurance, can help Medicare beneficiaries and their caregivers find answers to these questions.

SHIP recently received special recognition when Governor Blagojevich proclaimed September 6-10, 2004 as **SHIP Week** in Illinois to increase public awareness about the program. SHIP offices are affiliated with community organizations in nearly all Illinois counties; many communities throughout the state organized SHIP Week activities, from free health care screenings and expanded counseling hours to information booths in malls and grocery stores. SHIP also held conferences in Springfield, Collinsville, Chicago, and Rock Falls to recognize SHIP volunteers.

Since inception, SHIP has saved Illinois' Medicare beneficiaries over \$9 million through nearly 140,000 counseling ses-

sions statewide. SHIP maintains 180 locations throughout the state staffed by nearly 700 trained volunteer counselors. SHIP is **not** affiliated with any insurance company and volunteer counselors do not sell or solicit any type of insurance. SHIP also maintains a toll-free hotline to provide beneficiaries access to information and assistance about Medicare. Medicare supplement insurance, Medicare managed care plans, long term care insurance, retiree health plans, and prescription drug plans.

SHIP also provides information to the public about changes in Medicare laws. SHIP staff and volunteers are currently responding to a number of questions about the *Medicare Prescription* Drug, Improvement and Modernization Act of 2003 and the prescription drug plans established by this federal law. To find out more about SHIP and the recent changes in Medicare, call tollfree 1-800-548-9034 or log on to www.idfpr.com on the Internet, click on *Insurance* and then click on Senior Assistance. ♦

Producer regulatory action

(Copies of regulatory orders are available upon written request to the Producer Regulatory Unit, for \$1/page. The number of pages are indicated in parentheses following the effective date.)

Stipulation and Consent Order-Civil Forfeiture Paid

Thomas Foster, Jr. 16401 Grant Avenue Orland Park, IL 60467 Effective 8/30/04 (6)

W. J. Foster & Company, Inc. 11260 Southwest Highway Suite 2E Palos Hills, IL 60463 Effective 8/30/04 (6)

William F. Hennings PO Box 78 Frankfort, IL 60423 Effective 9/14/04 (3)

Humbert Insurance Agency, Ltd. 188 Industrial Drive, Suite 430 Elmhurst, IL 60126 Effective 9/14/04 (3)

PeopLease Corporation 1321 Chuck Dawley Boulevard Suite 102 Mount Pleasant, SC 29464 Effective 8/20/04 (3) William J. Schaper 2N 537 Pleasant Glen Ellyn, IL 60137 Effective 9/14/04 (3)

David M. Thomas 1788 Copperfield Crystal Lake, IL 60014 Effective 9/14/04 (3)

Samuel J. Trigillo 1800 Buhr Mill Court Springfield, IL 62704 Effective 9/24/04 (4)

Denial of Producer License

Steven V. Wilson 1910 South 2nd Street Maywood, IL 60153 Effective 8/20/04 (6)

Suspension

Carl T. Douglas 9416 South Eggleston Chicago, IL 60620 Effective 9/18/04 (2)◆

Staff designations announced

The following Division of Insurance staff members have recently earned professional designations awarded by the Society of Financial Examiners:

Katerina Bolbas, Examiner, Certified Financial Examiner (CFE), 8/7/04; Jun Jie Pan, Examiner, Certified Financial Examiner (CFE), 8/7/04; Jack Williams, Analyst, Certified Financial Examiner (CFE), 8/7/04; and Heedon Choi, Examiner, Certified Financial Examiner (CFE), 10/1/04.

The following Division of Insurance staff member has recently earned a designation awarded by the Life Office Management Association (LOMA):

Nancy Hernandez, Consumer Services, **Associate**, **Insurance Regulatory Compliance**, 6/04.◆

Company action

Market Conduct Fines

The following entities were issued a Stipulation and Consent Order and fined for Insurance Code violations and/or improper claims practices cited in an Illinois market conduct examination:

Indiana Insurance Company, IL, 8/02/04; \$20,000

Monumental Life Insurance Company, MD, 9/17/04; \$110,000 Nationwide Mutual Fire Insurance Company, IL, 9/07/04; \$25,000

Rockford Health Plans, IL, 8/09/04; \$20,000

West Bend Mutual Insurance Company, WI, 8/20/04; \$10,000◆

Pension funds Fall seminars and conferences held

The Public Pension staff of the Division of Insurance participated in seven conferences and seminars this Fall with organizations throughout the state to discuss police and firefighter pension fund issues, including the new additions to Article 4 (Firefighters Pension Fund) of the Illinois Pension Code. For further information regarding these and future events, please contact John McNutt at 217/524-7171.◆

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Hearings

Scheduled Hearings:

Administrative Employer Group, Inc.

Hearing No. 04-HR-0070 Revocation of leasing company license 10/27/04

John R. Barrick Hearing No. 04-HR-0756 Denial of licensing authority 10/05/04

Michael F. Bock Hearing No. 04-HR-0187 Revocation of licensing authority 10/05/04

Hector H. Boyar Hearing No. 04-HR-0895 Denial of licensing authority 11/04/04

Construction Employers Risk Management Assoc. Hearing No. 3920 WC assessment 12/16/04

ENH Medical Group, Inc. Joseph Golbus, President Norman S. Gutmann, M.D. Hearing No. 04-HR-0175 Cease and desist 10/27/04

HealthOne, Inc.
USA Family Care
American Med Care
American Med One
Nationwide Benefits Association
Wes Long, CEO
Steven Whately, President
Family Care
Mike Rabie, President of National
Assn. of Preferred Providers
National Association of Preferred
Providers
Hearing No. 04-HR-0296
Cease and desist 10/26/04

Illinois Aggregate Producers Risk Management Association Hearing No. 3918 WC assessment 12/16/04 Illinois Cooperative Workers' Compensation Group Hearing No. 3916 WC assessment 12/16/04

Illinois Grocers Risk Mgmt. Assn. Hearing No. 3902 WC assessment 12/10/04

Illinois Movers & Warehousemans Risk Management Association Hearing No. 3915 WC assessment 12/16/04

Illinois Non Profit Risk Mgmt. Assn. Hearing No. 04-HR-0882 Notice of apparent liability 10/28/04

Illinois Non Profit Risk Mgmt. Assn. Hearing No. 3904 WC assessment 12/16/04

Illinois Press Association Risk Management Group Hearing No. 3919 WC assessment 12/16/04

Illinois Restaurant Risk Mgmt. Assn. Hearing No. 3913 WC assessment 12/16/04

Illinois State Ambulance Risk Management Association Hearing No. 3917 WC assessment 12/16/04

Michael Kacevicius State Farm Insurance Company Hearing No. 04-HR-0920 Cancellation 11/04/04

Ray E. Knickman II/Lori A. Dewitt Midwest Integrity Underwriters Agency, Inc. Hearing No. 04-HR-0076 Revocation of licensing authority 10/06/04

Jeffrey D. Lamm Hearing No. 04-HR-0083 Revocation of licensing authority 10/13/04 Leading Edge Group Holding Corp. Leading Edge Insurance Group, Inc. Michael A. Ward; JRSO, Inc. Cory & Associates Andrew C. Cory Hearing No. 04-HR-0254 Cease and desist 10/13/04

McDonalds Operators Risk Management Assoc., Inc. Hearing No. 3912 WC assessment 2/23/05

Medical Access Group Preferred Medical Access Hearing No. 04-HR-0335 Cease and desist 10/19/04

Mid West Truckers Risk Management Association Hearing No. 3914 WC assessment 12/16/04

Murphysboro Police Pension Fund Hearing No. 04-HR-0747 Noncompliance 10/15/04

Corrine Francis Parks AA&A Insurance Agency, Inc. Hearing No. 04-HR-0867 Revocation of licensing authority 11/10/04

Peoria Area Chamber of Commerce Trust Hearing No. 3903 WC assessment 12/10/04

Kevin M. Price Hearing No. 04-HR-0869 Denial of licensing authority 11/04/04

Workers Compensation Trust of Illinois Hearing No. 3906 WC assessment 12/16/04

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Settled without Hearing:

Galaxy Health Network, Inc. Paul J. Shane, Jr., President Dan Shade, VP Pilar Kuramoto, Director of Network Operations Angela Hodges, Admin. Mgr. Hearing No. 04-HR-0297 Stipulation and consent order 9/21/04

Innovative Healthcare Phil Altieri Hearing No. 04-HR-0258 Stipulation and consent order 9/27/04

National Health Care Center Robert L. Jerrolds Hearing No. 04-HR-0684 Stipulation and consent order 9/09/04

PeopLease Corporation PLC Services, Inc. Hearing No. 4124 Stipulation and consent order 8/20/04

United Security Life Insurance Company of Illinois Hearing No. 04-HR-22 Dismissed 8/04/04

Completed Hearings:

Sandra J. Majewski Hearing No. 04-HR-0344 Denial of license authority rescinded 8/04/04

Curtis D. Mase Hearing No. 04-HR-0242 Licensing authority revoked 9/30/04 James P. McSweeny Hearing No. 04-HR-0395 License shall be issued upon successful completion of probation and payment of all fines 9/03/04

Steven V. Wilson Hearing No. 04-HR-0346 Letter of denial of application for license is sustained 8/20/04◆

Exam reports filed

Financial

Affiliated Mutual Holding Co. 8/18/04

Belle Prairie Mutual Insurance Co. 8/18/04

Lanark Mutual Insurance Co. 9/23/04

Life Services Network Trust 9/17/04

Millers First Insurance Company, formerly Millers Mutual Ins. Assn. 8/18/04

Polish Roman Catholic Union of America

9/17/04

Potomac Insurance Co. of IL 9/21/04

Standard Mutual Insurance Co. 9/07/04

Market Conduct

American Family Life Ins. Co. 8/05/04

American Family Mutual Ins. Co. 8/05/04

CIGNA Healthcare of Illinois 8/02/04

Clarendon National Ins. Co. 9/17/04

Health Alliance Medical Plans 8/30/04

Indiana Insurance Company 8/02/04

Monumental Life Insurance Co. 9/17/04

Nationwide Mutual Fire Ins. Co. 9/07/04

Rockford Health Plans 8/09/04

West Bend Mutual Insurance Co. 8/20/04♦

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